

The Catholic Parish of St Robert of Newminster, Morpeth

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Masses and Services This Week

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Sunday 18 th October	9:00am 11:00am 6:00pm	Harry & Margaret Bell Nancy & Stan Ions Thanksgiving (Cole family)	29 th Sunday Year B World Mission Sunday
Monday 19 th October	9:15am		
Tuesday 20 th October	9:15am	Margaret & Alexander Jaconelli	
Wednesday 21 st October	9:15am		
Thursday 22 nd October	9:15am	John Robert Bell	St John Paul II, Pope
Friday 23 rd October	9:15am	John MacDonald	
Saturday 24 th October	10:00am Confessions 11am - Noon	Tony Syron	
Sunday 25 th October	9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 6:00pm Mass	Douglas Cone A & S Nardini	30 th Sunday Year B

SUNDAY 25th October 2015 – 30th Sunday of the Year (B)

Mass	9:00	11:00	18:00
Readers	M Bell E Harber	B Lewins R Hunter	B Cole L Cole
Extraordinary Ministers	G Harber S Conroy J Laidlaw	G Davison D Shearer R Soulsby	C Smith M Illingworth S Smith
Altar Servers	S Bambrick O Bruce	P Glancey	P Smith J or D. Dowd
Children's Liturgists	School break		
Tea and Coffee served after morning Masses every Sunday in the Church Hall. Everyone is welcome			

Parish newsletter: - items for newsletter to Mary at fmbeaton@btinternet.com or email morpeth.strobertnewminster@rcdhn.org.uk or drop a note in at the Presbytery, by 4pm Thursday.

Last Sunday's Offering: - Average Standing Orders £467. Collection £1101.09. Thank you

Divine Mercy Prayer Group Meeting: The next meeting will be on Thursday 5th Nov. at 7.00pm In Church.

Special collection TODAY (Mission Sunday.) **This is not eligible for Gift Aid through the Diocese** so please use the special Mission Sunday envelopes and if you are able to Gift Aid your donation please complete the appropriate details. Envelopes available today at the back of church.

Marriages 2016: Those wishing to be married next year at St Robert's are asked to speak to Fr Peter as soon as possible to confirm dates so as to avoid any clashes with other marriages, celebrations or parish events.

Wednesday Word: Please pick up a copy.

Rosary: Saturday morning at 9.40am.

SVP: We've received a letter from our tinned conference in India thanking us for the financial and the prayer support we provide. The letter is on the notice board in the church porch. The next meeting of the SVP will be on Wednesday 28th October at 7.30 in the presbytery. We need more members to help with our work – if you can give some time please come along to the meeting.

Bible Sharing: Suspended for 2 weeks until Tuesday 3rd Nov. 1pm to 2pm in the Church Hall.

Prayer Group: 26th Oct. at 6 pm in Church – followed by discussion in the sacristy.

Special collection next Sunday (Priests' Training Fund.) Envelope users please use the designated envelope. There are also envelopes for this collection at the back of church for those who do not use weekly envelopes and for anyone to make a further donation. The collection will remain open until 22nd Nov.

Baptisms date requests: There are several requests for date for Baptism pencilled into the parish diary which have not yet been confirmed with Fr. Peter. To make sure that these Baptisms are definite, would the parents who have asked for Baptism in the coming months please contact Fr Peter as soon as possible after he returns from the Holy Land. Please speak to him personally after Mass to confirm the Baptism request. If you know of anyone who has put in a request, please inform them of this.

Thank you: - Peter's Hearing Aids – I am pleased to tell you Peter now has his hearing aids and his hearing has now gone up from 3% to 19%. Fr. Mamdouh says Peter is very happy. Thank you all for your support. Andrea.

CWL Bonus Ball: - Thank you for the enthusiastic response to our fundraiser for St Robert's Restoration. We sold 190 numbers and plan to give out 4 prizes of £20 every week for the next 10 weeks (a total of £800), leaving a profit of £1,100. The first draw was on Saturday 10th October and the winners were Alice Anderson, Andrea Mitchell, Andrew Smith and K Harvey. Good luck for the next draw!

Christmas Fayre: - This year's Christmas Fayre, Sat. 5th Dec. is rapidly approaching and help's urgently required to make it a success. We'll be having similar stalls to our previous fayres so please start collecting items for the craft, toy, jewellery stalls, etc, but hold on to everything for now. Please note we're not having a book stall this year so would only need good quality children's books for the toy stall. We'll also still need people to run stalls. Please see form at the back of church to sign up. Anyone with any good ideas for children's activities would be greatly appreciated. We've discussed the proceeds with Fr Peter and they're to go to 'Parish Funds'. For further information please contact either Andrea Mitchell (518618) or anyone on the fund raising committee. Thank you.

Fundraising: Our next fundraising dinner will be held on Saturday 7th Nov. at 8 pm. Tickets on sale after Sunday Masses or contact Ken Wilson or Matt Boyle. Proceeds to parish funds, including restoration of the grotto.

Forward Together in Hope: Parish Meeting

We have the first open meeting on 28th Oct. at 7pm to discuss the Parish response to the Questionnaire. If you prefer to answer the online you can, the questionnaire can be accessed via www.hope@diocesehn.org.uk – and is also available in a printable form (ask one of our team)

First Holy Communion Preparation: Many schools and parishes are moving their Preparation for First Confession and Holy Communion to Year 4 because the material to be covered can be difficult for Year 3 children. It's suggested that here at St Robert's we keep the preparation in Year 3, but begin in the New Year as in previous years. If there are any children not in St Robert's School it would be good to know now so that we can make some provision for when the programme begins. Parents are asked to let Fr. Peter know the names of children to be included in this.

Celebrate North East: The Celebrate Conference – Sat. 7th Nov to Sun 8th, Joseph's Catholic Academy Hebburn (NE31 2ET). £30.00 for adults, £15.00 for young people from 11 to 18, Children 4 to 11 £10.00 and 0 to 3 free. Prices include Saturday evening meal. To book online visit the website (www.celebrateconference.org). This regularly sells out so don't miss out - book early.

Diocesan Altar Servers Mass: The Annual Diocesan Altar Servers Mass - Saturday 14th Nov. at St Mary's Cathedral at 11.00am. All Altar Servers are invited. If anyone wishes to go, names should be passed to Fr Peter as soon as possible. Servers need to take their Albs with them to the Mass.

Priestly Vocation Discernment: For those thinking about priesthood (aged 16 and over) evenings of Prayer and Reflection have been arranged. An opportunity to listen to speakers talk about their own discernment, faith journeys and vocations. St Mary's Cathedral, 6.30pm - 8.30pm. Wednesdays 25 Nov, 16 Dec, 20 Jan, 24 Feb, 27 Apr, 25 May, 22 Jun. Contact Fr David Smith (0191 2676063 stjohnvianneywestdenton@gmail.com)

Prisoners of Conscience: Can you time to write a letter in support of a Prisoner of Conscience? Details of this month's cases are at the back of church.

New Ministers of Holy Communion: - We're hoping to have a course for some new Ministers soon and thanks to those who have already expressed interest. We could do with a few more people willing to be Ministers for all our Masses but especially at the 6pm Mass to make it run smoother. If anyone is prepared to be commissioned as a Minister, please speak to Fr. Peter as soon as possible.

Supporting our Young People: Many thanks to everyone who helped with the Life Teen Ministry Coffee Morning recently and to everyone who donated towards their funds. The work of the Life Teen Group is a vital part of our parish mission and ministry and we need to do all we can to support all our young people, those not attending Catholic Schools and those who do. Please pray for all our young people and for all working with the young people of our parish and for the future of our ministry here at St Robert's.

Journey in Faith: If there is anyone not a Catholic wondering about changing their faith and becoming a Catholic why not make an appointment to speak to Fr Peter. It would be good at some stage to try and form some programme of catechesis if anyone was willing to be involved but in the meantime speak to Fr. Peter.

Pope John Paul II Award Representative: We now have a Parish representative for the Pope John Paul II Award. This award runs alongside our High Schools. The launch takes place throughout October this year. This is an award for young people in the age range of 16-18 and is intended to help them to take an active part in the life of the church. If you're a pupil in a Catholic secondary school you should already be aware of the Awards but if you are being educated elsewhere or have left school you may not be aware but are encouraged to participate. To find out more visit www.thepopejohnpauliiaward.com and select Hexham and Newcastle from the list on the right hand side of the home page.

Morpeth Tree of Light: The Rotary Club of Morpeth are arranging a 'Tree of Light' in the Sanderson Arcade at Christmastime as part of their Christmas Appeal and they have left a bundle of Appeal forms at the back of church if you would like to remember a loved one at Christmas. They're supporting Great North Air Ambulance, Barnabas Safe and Sound and Cancer Research.

Trafalgar Day: A Toast to the Admiral: Fr Peter has been invited to take part in the Morpeth Toast to Lord Collingwood on Trafalgar Day, Wednesday 21st October. There will be a short service in the Butter Market at 11.45am and then another on the steps of Collingwood House at 11.55am. We have been asked to keep Collingwood House open for the public to visit for a short while after the Service.

'I am the Door' – Enter in: Day of Prayer to prepare for the Year of Mercy, led by Brian Noble, Bishop Emeritus of Shrewsbury on Saturday 31st Oct. 10.30am – 3.30pm. (Refreshments from 10am) Ushaw College, Durham, DH7 9HR. There's no charge for this day, but donations towards refreshments and upkeep of the College would be greatly appreciated. Refreshments provided. Sandwiches and light refreshments available at the College Tea Room or bring a packed lunch. For further information or to book, please contact Department of Spirituality, tel. 0191 2433302 or email spirituality@diocesehn.org.uk.

International Mass: - Saturday 24th Oct. 2015 at 11.00am followed by shared lunch in St Mary's Parish Hall St Mary's Church, Sunderland. Presider: Bishop Séamus Cunningham. More information from Department for Spirituality, spirituality@diocesehn.org.uk or call 0191 2433302.